

13N - ORANGE COUNTY TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

Operational Summary

Description:

To administer the use of the County's share of the national Tobacco Settlement in accordance with the conditions set forth in a local initiative, Measure "H", approved by the voters on November 7, 2000.

On November 23, 1998 the major American cigarette manufacturers agreed to a settlement (Master Settlement Agreement, MSA) of litigation brought by the Attorneys General of 46 States (including California), five U.S. territories and the District of Columbia. In addition to restrictions related to cigarette advertising and underage smoking, the MSA requires that the tobacco companies pay the participants an estimated \$206 Billion over the next 25 years. After certain adjustments the payments are distributed on a population basis, with California estimated to receive (2000 census) about 12.0%. California's share is split 50-50 between the State and the eligible cities and Counties. Orange County's portion of the local share is about 8.4%.

Although there are not any conditions placed on the use of TSR local share by the MSA or State statute, Measure "H", which takes effect on July 1, 2001 restricts the use of TSR to specific health and public safety initiatives. Measure "H" which has been upheld in the Superior Court, requires the use of TSR be restricted to specific health related categories, 80% and public protection programs, 20%. The specific categories are described herein at the Activity level.

Due to the possibility that tobacco companies could fall into bankruptcy as the result of having to make large payments with litigants, there is doubt as to whether all dollars budgeted will be fully received in FY 03-04.

Measure "H" applies only to TSR received after July 1, 2001. Please see Fund 14X in program VII for TSR received by the County prior to July 1, 2001.

At a Glance:

Total FY 2002-2003 Projected Expend + Encumb:	40,651,399
Total Recommended FY 2003-2004 Budget:	41,455,484
Percent of County General Fund:	N/A
Total Employees:	0.00

Strategic Goals:

- Administer the County's share of Tobacco Settlement Revenue received on or after July 1, 2001, in strict accordance with the requirements of voter approved Measure "H".

SENIORS & PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES - 19% is allocated to this Measure "H" category.

EMERGENCY ROOM PHYSICIANS & SPECIALISTS - 23% is allocated to this Measure "H" category.

TOBACCO PREVENTION & CONTROL - 12% is allocated to this Measure "H" category.

CHILDREN & FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES - 20% is allocated to this Measure "H" category.

COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY ROOM SERVICES/ TRAUMA CNTRS - 6% is allocated to this Measure "H" category.

PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM & SERVICES - 20%, is allocated to this Measure "H" category. Of the total in the public safety category, \$1,334,111 will be budgeted for the operation of the 64 bed secured substance abuse program at the Theo Lacy Branch Jail. The remainder of the public safety category, \$4,690,890 is allocated to the Theo Lacy Branch Jail Expansion, Phase III (Building "B").

Ten Year Staffing Trend Highlights:

- This agency has no staff.

Budget Summary**Plan for Support of the County's Strategic Priorities:**

The revenue in this fund will be used in accordance to Measure "H" and will reimburse the Health Care Agency and the Sheriff-Coroner for applicable costs.

Proposed Budget and History:

Sources and Uses	FY 2001-2002 Actual	FY 2002-2003 Budget As of 3/31/03	FY 2002-2003 Projected ⁽¹⁾ At 6/30/03	FY 2003-2004 Recommended	Change from FY 2002-2003 Projected	
					Amount	Percent
Total Revenues	36,406,514	51,981,878	51,981,878	41,455,484	(10,526,394)	-20.25
Total Requirements	18,805,397	51,981,878	40,651,399	41,455,484	804,085	1.98
Balance	17,601,117	0	11,330,479	0	(11,330,479)	-100.00

(1) Requirements include prior year encumbrances and expenditures. Therefore, the above totals may not match FY 2002-2003 projected requirements included in "At a Glance" (Which exclude these).

Detailed budget by expense category and by activity is presented for agency: Orange County Tobacco Settlement in the Appendix on page 488.